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Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace to Men of Good Will

"When Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Juda, in the days of King Herod, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."—Matt. 2:1.

Lessons From The Tidings Of Great Joy

IN the very manner of His coming Jesus teaches lessons calculated to cure all the ills under which individuals and society at large are suffering.

(a) The evil in the life of the individual is rooted in one or more of the seven Capital Sins—pride, covetousness, lust, anger, etc. For the cure of our pride God the Son empties Himself of His Divinity, and takes the form of a servant, which is tantamount almost to annihilation. For the cure of covetousness Jesus relinquishes the infinite riches of His Heavenly Home for the direst poverty of which one could conceive. He condemns lust in His coming by selecting the Virgin Lily of Israel as His mother, and as His guardian father, Joseph, so chaste and saintly that the Holy Ghost calls him "the just one." He condemns our anger by His meekness, by enduring persecution without murmur.

The lessons which Christ taught by example in His Incarnation are the lessons which He later taught by word on the mount in the eight Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"; "Blessed are the meek"; "Blessed are they that mourn"; "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice"; "Blessed are the peace makers"; "Blessed are the clean of heart"; "Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake."

(b) The predominant evils in society are lack of reverence for things sacred, disregard for law and authority, whether human or divine, greed, dishonesty, strange opinions concerning marriage, divorce, sex, morality in general.

Remedies for these evils are suggested in lessons taught in the act of the Incarnation itself. It was to restore the glory of which the Almighty had been robbed; it was to do the Heavenly Father's will, that He became man. Greed and its daughter, dishonesty, are combated by Christ voluntarily wedding Himself to poverty; and who does not know what His attitude was towards questions domestic and social?

The evils as between nations are principally jealousy, envy, distrust, hatred. The Incarnation was motivated by love; and love unbounded, unselfish, is the predominant characteristic of the Saviour from Bethlehem to Calvary. His mandate to all His children, individually and collectively, is "Love thy God above all things, and thy neighbor as thyself."

The Example of Jesus

In Bethlehem the Infant Saviour taught not only the wordlessness and even the harmfulness of the things for which most people in this world strive, namely, riches, honors, pleasures of sense and of appetite, but the singular worth of holiness, the only

avenue to salvation even after redemption. "This is the will of God, your sanctification." "Be ye holy as I am holy." We cannot become holy without following the example of Jesus, without being morally courageous, after strengthening our weakness by the avoidance of danger, by prayer and the frequent reception of the Sacraments.

The love of Jesus for holiness was shown in the manner in which He created her from whom He would take flesh and blood. Her soul must be immaculate and adorned by graces richer than those possessed by the Cherubim and Seraphim who had long served at His throne in Heaven. She must grow in holiness according to the general principle enunciated by the Holy Ghost: "He that is holy let him become sanctified still, and he that is just let him become justified still." The life story of every saint is the story of steady growth in holiness, and of happiness which increased in the same ratio as holiness. If you would learn what real happiness is, cultivate holiness.

Other Lessons Taught

These are only a few of the lessons taught by the Infant Saviour, the observance of which would conduce to Society's improvement. He teaches further, for instance, the value of the child, the love of parents for their children, of children for parents. What sublimation in the prophet's utterance "a son is given to us; a son is born to us!" What a rebuke to those who shirk parenthood! Think of what Joseph and Mary endured for Jesus at Bethlehem and after His consecration to God in the temple, what they suffered during several years of residence in Egypt, where they had absolutely nothing in common with the people, and where their privations and heartaches were great. On the other hand think of how devoted Jesus was to His parents during the thirty years He lived with them, even if on one occasion He allowed them to "seek Him sorrowing" in order to teach the lesson that His Father's business had a first claim on Him.

The religious life, chaste virginity in the world, indissoluble marriage, the priesthood, the missionary life, all find divine approval in Christ; more than that He recommends one of these various states to all, having in mind that God's glory and the individual's sanctification can be promoted in each, if good will, the right intention, self-sacrifice accompany the choice.

If I have emphasized the fact that it is more important to learn lessons from the Incarnation than to be merely while celebrating its anniversary, it is because "the grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men, for the purpose of instructing us to live soberly and justly and godly in this world." Only then will the "blessed hope" of being united eternally with God in Heaven everlastingly follow the admonition of St. Paul, who commands us to "speak and exhort these things in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Him I implore to bless you and yours, to save you and yours.

Resort To Abuses To Check Conversions To The Faith

Note: In next Sunday's special month-end edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR we shall publish, in full, Archbishop Mar Ivanios' own account of his conversion to the Catholic faith.

The recent conversion to the Catholic faith of Archbishop Mar Ivanios and of Bishop Mar Theophilus from the Jacobite Schismatic Church in India is the cause of much uneasiness on the part of non-Catholics. In the August, 1931, number of RAYS OF LIGHT, published in South India, the following news item appears from Travancore under the heading: "Hiring Impostors:"

"We learn from Travancore that in their blind endeavor to check the movement of conversions to the Catholic Church in that country, a movement headed by Archbishop Mar Theophilus and his suffragan, Mar Theophilus, non-Christians, actually are circulating the worst book of 'Pastor Chiniquy' about the alleged abuses of the Catholic Church in the confessional."

Christmas

By Rev. Jos. B. Kelley
Before a maiden's loveliness
An angel bowed his eyes:
A spirit who was wont to gaze
On God in Paradise.
Then God Who had no mother once
And longed to know the joy
He gave to man with mother love
Was born a little Boy.



"For: This day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

"And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and let us see this Word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath showed to us.' And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger."

St. Luke's Gospel Story Is Confirmed By The Inscription On A Temple

ON the walls of an ancient temple in Angora, discovered by Bushon in 1553, is inscribed an account of the census of Emperor Augustus which is mentioned by St. Luke in his gospel story of the birth of the Saviour. This inscription not only provides certain historical proof of the authenticity of the scriptural account, but also has an interesting history of its own. For almost four centuries scholars have journeyed to Angora to copy and translate the inscribed story.

The first vague copy of the great Latin inscription, which schoolmen call the "Monumentum Ancyranum,"

was made by an expedition of Dutch scholars, sent by Emperor Ferdinand II in 1553. This expedition missed entirely the Greek translation on the outer wall. More than a century later, in 1639, a Smyrna merchant, named Coson, made an imperfect copy. Louis XIV sent a mission to Angora, in 1701, to study the ruin, but its report was incomplete. Another Frenchman, Paul Lucas, in 1705, made a full copy of the Latin.

Work of the Scholars.

But the best translations to date were brought back to Europe in 1861 by two French scholars whom Napo-

leon III had sent to Angora for the purpose. It was left to the Germans to do the task with final completeness, when, in 1882, Humann, representing the Academy of Berlin, carried back plaster casts of the full Latin and Greek texts.

In 1923 the inscription was done into English by E. G. J. Hardy, principal of Jesus College, Oxford, and published by the Clarendon Press as "The Monumentum Ancyranum." So rich in classical information and historical data is this inscription that the scholars appear to have overlooked its peculiar significance to the Christian religion. That it completely substantiates Luke's story of the Roman census, which was the occasion for the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, and so of the birth of Jesus in that town of prophecy, is a fact of sensational importance.

St. Luke's Reference

Critics have long pointed out that there is no evidence in secular history of such a census as Luke mentions, at the time indicated. Other censuses, before and after the birth of Jesus, are of record. Luke's, however, has been the only known and specific allusion to the Christmas census. His familiar words are repeated myriads of times every recurring Christmas:

Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Cyrenus was Governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, who was with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, her days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.—Luke II: 1-7 (R. V.).

If Luke was wrong as to the census, how could the reader be assured that he was right concerning any other statement alleged as fact? And wrong the critics declared him to be; since Roman history seemed wholly silent concerning a census at this time. Quite casually and incidentally, the Augustan inscription clears up the matter. The Emperor wrote this document, his political autobiography, when he was 76 years old. The record was put into the hands of the vestal virgins for safeguarding until his death; then it was inscribed upon bronze tablets outside his mausoleum; and, by direction of the Roman Senate, cut into the walls of every temple of Augustus throughout the empire. The preamble on the Angora ruin reads:

Subjoined is a copy made of the exploits of the deified Augustus, by which he brought the whole world under the empire of the Roman people; and of the sums of money expended by him on the Republic and people of Rome. The original record is engraved upon the brazen pillars set up in Rome.

Passing by all the other vastly interesting contents of the not overmodest record left by the imperial autobiography, he repeatedly boasts of his own modesty; as when he says: "The Capitoline Temple and the Theatre of Pompeius I repaired, with enormous outlay on both works, and without having my name inscribed on

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"And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary His mother, and falling down they adored Him; and opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh."—Matt. 2:11.

In Bethlehem On The Eve Of Christmas

IT is Christmas Eve and we, like most other Christians in Jerusalem, are on the move down the Bethlehem road which undulates ahead of us to the south, a rolling ribbon of silver under a full moon. On our left, the Valley of Hinnom; away to the east, the giant rampart of the Hills of Moab, and 2,000 feet below an occasional glimpse of a streak of moonlit water, which is the Dead Sea.

A mile past Rachel's tomb, a wide, natural amphitheatre opens in front of us. At the tip of one wing lies Bethlehem, a ladder of twinkling lights climbing the rocky Judean hillside, and in another ten minutes we draw up on the wide oblong, unevenly paved courtyard which fronts the Church of the Nativity. It belongs to the Greek Orthodox sect, which celebrates its Christmas ten days later.

We are at once swallowed up in an Eastern throng of lights and noise and boisterous merrymaking. Street vendors cry their wares—peanuts, Turkish delight and cakes; children romp among their elders; dogs bark, the shops are open and we strangers are raucously invited here, there and everywhere to buy mementos of the place—crosses in mother of pearl and olive wood and beads of all sizes and designs.

And there is color everywhere. Sophisticated Palestinians with baggy Turkish trousers and with red turbans that speak of city life, rub shoulders with wild Christian Arabs from Transjordan mountains, resplendent in Bedouin cloaks and flowing headresses. Here and there with arms linked, stride the remarkable women of Bethlehem, conspicuous by the high tapering European head-dresses to which they have adhered for eight centuries, since successive crusades brought the fashion from France, England and Germany.

And meanwhile, we of the West stand in the midst of this Eastern crowd, "with them but not of them." It is an Eastern Christmas: for "Christ was born in Bethlehem."

Inside the Church

It is almost a relief to escape into the cathedral gloom within the Church of the Nativity. Far-away candles send eerie shadows dancing through a forest of pillars into the darkness of the vaulted roof. There is the hum of whispered conversation and the slip-

slip of many feet moving softly over the treacled floor. We merge almost mysteriously into a dimly seen crowd and join a pilgrim procession up to the chancel and thence down the steep stone steps leading to the Holy Grotto.

On one hand is the place of the birth, on the other the manger—both hung with tiny flickering lamps and before each, in monumental stillness, kneel rows of worshippers: women of Bethlehem, monks and friars, and pale-faced nuns. And all in a space so small that the kneeling congregation seem one on top of another, and in an atmosphere of tension heightened by the strained whisper of endless prayers. Between those still rows of worshippers move—not always silently—a constant stream of onlookers from all lands.

After the medieval mystery of the Greek Church, the modern Latin cathedral, where the main service of the vigil is held, is the real climax. The place is crammed; the pews hold many more than their quota; the aisles are blocked by straining, heavy-crowded.

Half an hour before midnight we hear the thump, thump of leaded ferules on the stone floor as the patriarchal ushers, staff in hand, open the way through the mob for the patriarchal procession—brilliant, almost medieval. At its head are the acolytes in lace and scarlet; behind them the Bishops of Latin Palestine, bearded figures in stiff white brocade heavily embroidered with gold; and last of all the patriarch himself, a Prince Bishop in gold and crimson—on his head a golden mitre and in his right hand the towering crook of the patriarchal staff. The procession and the Mass which follow are perfectly conceived pageants, enacted with all the meticulous polish of the West. They are celebrating a Western Christmas, and perhaps among the spontaneous humanity of Bethlehem and under the full glamour of an Eastern moon, an exotic Christmas.

For our return to Jerusalem, the moon stands vertically overhead. Suddenly, beyond the crest of an undulating of the road, the Holy City opens in front of us across the Valley of Hinnom. Its walls, stark against the indigo of the sky, it looks like a cubist impression in stiff lights and shadows. And on the spire of the chapel of the Latin monastery, the tallest building in the city, blazes a brilliant cross. Midnight is just. "Christ is born in Bethlehem."—By Owen Tredy in the New York Times Magazine.

Around The World In Ten Minutes

Throngs Venerate St. Francis Xavier

GOA, PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The coffin of St. Francis Xavier, regarded as the greatest missionary since the time of the Apostles, was unveiled recently for veneration for the thirtieth time since his death in 1552.

A special legate sent by Pope Pius XI led the ceremonial procession in which marched three Archbishops; fifteen Bishops and hundreds of other members of the clergy. A throng of 10,000 persons crowded the church for the Pontifical High Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The body of the saint was officially reported to be well preserved. It will lie in state for a month, and a million pilgrims are expected to pass before it.

In 1614, the order of Claudius Acquaviva, then general of the Society of Jesus, the right arm was severed at the elbow and was taken to Rome, where it was placed in a reliquary in the Church of the Gesù.

1,000,000 Children Crowd Job Market

NEW YORK CITY.—Although at least a million children under sixteen have been taken out of industry since the National Child Labor Committee began its work twenty-seven years ago, there still are one million or more children under eighteen at work or looking for work in competition for employment under their training by Courtney Divisville, general secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, in making public the annual report of the organization.

The major task of the committee, Mr. Divisville said, is to keep children in school and out of competition for employment until their training is completed.

Stressing the need for improving standards of administration of child labor legislation, the report of the

committee notes with satisfaction the progress made in extending educational advantages during the quarter of a century covered by the report, according to which the percentage of children from 5 to 17 years of age who were not attending any school was reduced from 25.4 per cent in 1905 to 18.5 per cent in 1925. Nevertheless, the report points out, citing the 1926 census, there are still 3,326,132 children 5 to 17 years old who are out of school.

Less and less in modern industry offering jobs that have educational value or opportunities for advancement to untrained, poorly educated children, the report declares. The committee therefore believes that children under 16 should be in school and that school facilities should be expanded to provide for the constructive training of 16 and 17-year-old minors who are not likely to attend high school.

Sainthood Is Asked For 551 Persons

VATICAN CITY.—A very large increase in the causes of beatification and canonization during the last ten

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No Room For Him

By M. S. Pine
Thy Nursery, O Babe of Mary, lo!
A stable and a manger is Thy bed:
The dumb beasts breathe a welcome
do they know
Men will not give Thee where to
lay Thy head?

O come this Christmas morn and rest
in me;
The fires of love shall warm Thy
little frame;
My heart shall be Thy lowly nursery,
Sweet Jesus, while I breathe Thy
new-born Name.

Editorially Speaking

The Editorials appearing in this column are written or selected by the Diocesan Editor.

A BANKER LOOKS AT DEPRESSION

Albert H. Wiggin, chairman of the governing board of the Chase National Bank in New York, testifying before the special sub-committee of the Senate which is considering proposals for a National Economic Council, revealed himself as a die-hard proponent of the "individualistic" school of economics, against which mankind, at appalling cost but with increasing success, has been struggling since before the birth of the Industrial Revolution.

Mr. Wiggin sees no way of preventing periods of industrial over-expansion and consequent periods of industrial depression. That is to say, there is no means of securing a just distribution of the fruits of industry, or of restraining human greed in the interests of individual and social welfare. "No commission and no brain in the world can prevent it (the business cycle)," says Mr. Wiggin, and then files for the consideration of the Senate sub-committee a statement by Dr. B. M. Anderson, economist for the Chase National Bank, extolling "Manchester economics," the fallacy embodied in Pope's lines—

Thus God and Nature linked
The general frame,
And bade Self-love and Social
Be the same.

Few openly defend—though many still practice—the Godless principle that pursuit of self-interest, regardless of any other consideration, will best promote the common good. The State, these contend, must remain aloof, except when it is invoked by the power of wealth to effect a further consolidation of the position of ruthless economic supremacy—a consolidation that carries within it the germs of an absolute dictatorship of wealth or the tyranny of Communism.

"This school," says the Holy Father, in his Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno, "is ignorant or forgetful of the social and moral aspects of economic matters, teaches that the state should refrain in theory and practice from interfering therein, because these possess in free competition and open markets a principle of self-direction better able to control them than any created intellect. Free competition, however, though within certain limits just and productive of good results, cannot be the ruling principle of the economic world. This has been abundantly proved by the consequences that have followed from the free rein given to these dangerous individualistic ideals. It is therefore very necessary that economic affairs be once more subjected to and governed by a true and effective guiding principle."

"Still less can this function be exercised by the economic supremacy which within recent times has taken the place of free competition; for this is a headstrong and vehement power, which, if it is to prove beneficial to mankind, needs to be curbed strongly and ruled with prudence. It cannot, however, be curbed and governed by itself. More lofty and noble principles must therefore be sought in order to control this supremacy sternly and uncompromisingly; to wit, social justice and social charity."

Such is the contrast between the "individualistic" school of economics, as advocated by Mr. Wiggin, and the Christian view of social workers. And yet it is to Mr. Wiggin, with his counsel of despair and greed and his belief in the capacity of mankind for suffering, that we are asked to look for leadership in the present world-wide depression. Mr. Wiggin chooses to ignore or oppose the movements that are going forward in the interests of social justice; but with or without him, under the constructive influence of the social and spiritual teaching of the Church, these movements will continue to bear fruit in providing working people throughout the world with a decent and secure livelihood.

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The Catholic world has turned to do honor to Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, commemorating the community's first centennial.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT NEWS

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Fort Wayne Brevities

Members of Little Flower Mission Unit, of which Mrs. G. W. Libbing is chairman, held its monthly business meeting in the dining room of the Precious Blood school, Fort Wayne, Thursday, December 17, at 8:00 p. m. Following the transaction of business a Christmas party and gift exchange were enjoyed by the ladies. Mrs. Ernest Erpelding, Mrs. Joseph Haas, Mrs. Joseph Humbrecht, Mrs. Louis M. Crowley, Misses Lillian and Edith Huhn, hostesses, formed the committee on arrangements.

Election of officers featured a dinner-meeting given by St. Catherine's Academy Alumnae Association, Fort Wayne. Miss Marie Belger was honored as president; Miss Dorothy Federpiel, vice-president; Miss Dorothy Getty, secretary; and Miss Helen Haefling, treasurer.

One hundred and thirty members and guests attended the annual banquet of the Fort Wayne School Children's Flower Association held Thursday night. Two water color paintings by Ralph Dille were presented by Adolph Jaenke, director of the city park system. In behalf of St. Mary's school, one of them was presented to Mrs. George Deininger, an association chairman. Those appearing on the entertainment program included: Daniel Piel, who played a piano selection; Robert Shea, who sang "Bye Bye Blues"; Robert Lauer, vocalist, who sang "Nevertheless." "When the Autumn Leaves of Life Begin to Fall" and "When the Best of the Crowd Goes Home." Mrs. Fred Potthoff served on the ticket committee. The reception committee was headed by Mrs. J. P. Lynch, her assistant including Mrs. Ernest J. Cutler.

Arranged by the Ladies' Rosary Society of St. Joseph's church, Fort Wayne, a public card party was conducted in the parish auditorium, Brooklyn and Hale avenues, on Wednesday night for the benefit of the church. Circle No. 3, of which Mrs. Philip O'Connor is chairman, was in charge of the party, games beginning at 8:15 o'clock, including bridge, pinocchio, euchre and bunco. High score prizes were awarded and lunch served. Assistant hostesses were: Mrs. Theodore Brinker, Mrs. Henry Dierstein, Mrs. Frank Schullien, Mrs. William Dowling, Mrs. Alice Shive, Mrs. Mary Patten, Mrs. A. L. Aiken, Mrs. Michael Oser, Mrs. Roy Kortokraz, Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, Mrs. Rudolph Langan and Mrs. Edward Schnurr.

In connection with St. Peter's school children's Christmas party, to be given prior to the festive day, "The Charlatians," newly-organized young people's club of St. Peter's parish, Fort Wayne, will present "A Christmas Dream," one-act play. Arrangements were made at the fortnightly meeting of the club. A Christmas party for the club members is also scheduled for Tuesday night, December 22, at which time the one-act play prepared for the children will be repeated. Miss Henrietta Deininger, social secretary, is in charge of arrangements. Free applications for membership in the club were received at the meeting. The Rev. Carl Holsinger, moderator of the club, announced his intention of staging a three-act play for the public prior to Lent.

With the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney, rector, officiating, the

funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Maloney, 75, a resident of near Chubbuck for nearly half a century, was held Thursday morning from St. Patrick's church, Fort Wayne. Burial took place in the Catholic cemetery in Eggs. The death of Mrs. Maloney occurred on Monday at St. Joseph's hospital and followed a five-months' illness. She resided at 2114 S. Lafayette St. since last May. She was born in Noble county September 28, 1857, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lynch, pioneer residents of that county. She moved to a farm north of Chubbuck at the time of her marriage to James E. Maloney and resided there until a short time after her husband's death May 28, 1924. Mrs. Maloney lived in South Bend from 1925 until coming to Fort Wayne and was a member of St. Patrick's church and the Rosary Society. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Julia Brown, Fort Wayne; six sons, Edward of Huntington; Joseph of Monticello; Lawrence of Cromwell; Louis and Bernard of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mrs. Katherine Galvin of Columbia City; Mrs. Joseph Riecke of LaOette; and Miss Julia Maloney at home in Fort Wayne.

With Edward W. Meyer, well-known Fort Wayne attorney, as the special speaker, a record attendance marked the quarterly meeting of the Holy Name Society of St. Andrew's church, Fort Wayne, was held Sunday night in the parish auditorium. J. Herman Buser, president, was in charge of the meeting. Besides Attorney Meyer, the Rev. Henry A. Horstmann, pastor, was a speaker on this occasion. The evening's program included a social hour and smoker during which refreshments were served.

Under the auspices of the Mothers' Club of Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, a card party was given in the Catholic Community Center mezzanine and reception room on Thursday afternoon, December 17, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Chester Pearson was general chairman for the social affair which was largely attended.

United Societies of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, will conduct a public card party in the school auditorium at 8:00 p. m. Sunday, December 20. Potlucks will be given as high score prizes at this pre-holiday social affair.

Arrangements have been completed by the Precious Blood Parish Athletic Association, Fort Wayne, for the Christmas party for the school children to be given in the school auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 20. Santa Claus will attend and under the direction of the Precious Blood Sisters, faculty of the school, the boys and girls will present an appropriate program.

Joseph Cardinal, 82, a former resident of Fort Wayne, died November 23 in Ancona, Italy, according to word received in Fort Wayne during the past week by his son, David Cardinal, 427 E. Douglas Ave. The deceased came to this city in 1908 and resided with his son here, returning to Italy in 1913. While in Fort Wayne he was employed by the Wabash railroad company. He resided with another son, John, in Ancona, Italy. Surviving are the two sons and a daughter, Mrs. Adele Bordi, of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The son in Fort Wayne is custodian at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Walter Maszkiewicz, 48, of 1614 Hayden St., Fort Wayne, succumbed at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday night, following an operation. He was proprietor of a restaurant at 1501 Winter St. until he became ill last summer. Death resulted from cancer. He was a native of Poland, coming to Fort Wayne thirteen years ago. He was a member of St. Hyacinth's church. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Walter Shure, Mrs. Pauline, Pauline, Adolph and Waldeline, who are in St. Vincent's Orphan's Home; a brother, Joseph, of Fort Wayne, and the father in Poland. The wife died ten years ago. Funeral services were held Saturday morning from St. Hyacinth's, the Rev. Michael A. Petzold, pastor, officiating.

George A. Christen, a well-known Fort Wayne Catholic layman, for twenty-three years affiliated with the Tri-State Loan and Trust Co., and the First and Tri-State National Bank and Trust Co., as general manager of the insurance department, has established a general insurance agency. Mr. Christen has made a careful selection of insurance companies to represent. His temporary office will be located at 2943 S. Hanna St., Fort Wayne.

MRS. MARY FREIBURGER, PIONEER CITIZEN, DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Frances Freiburger, 78, who died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Rosenberg, 438 Masterson Ave., Fort Wayne, were held Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock from St. Peter's church, the Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector, officiating.

Mrs. Freiburger was born near Yoder and lived in Fort Wayne nearly all her life. She was a member of St. Peter's church, the Christian Mothers' Society, of which her daughter is president, the Sacred Heart League and Branch No. 1173, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association. Surviving are the daughter; three sons, Clem J. Henry J. and Robert A. Freiburger, all of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Mrs. Veronica Sack of near the city; Mrs. Lena Minnich of Dunfee; Mrs. George Minnich of Monroeville; and Mrs. Harry Shives, Fort Wayne; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Bernard, died three years ago.

HOLD PRECIOUS BLOOD HOLY NAME ELECTION

Annual election of officers, an address by the Rev. Basil Didier, C. P. S., pastor, and a social program marked the December business meeting of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, held Tuesday night in the school assembly room. Ernest Erpelding was elected president; Norman Degitz, vice-president; William Geary, recording secretary; Virgil Moser, financial secretary; Charles Schenkel, treasurer. Joseph and Charles Henry, vocalists, also Floyd Huffman and his four clowns, furnished entertainment on the social program.

Crowds At Shrine



Threats, persecutions, death fail to keep the pious Mexicans from streaming to their national shrine at Guadalupe as they did recently. What Lourdes is to France Guadalupe is to Mexico. Crowds are shown in front of the Cathedral trying to fight their way into the shrine where the miraculous blanket is on display.

Holy Name Society Elections Conducted In Three Parishes

Annual election of officers in the Holy Name Society of three Fort Wayne parishes was held during the past week. St. Peter's and St. Jude's branches met on Sunday morning, St. Joseph's on Tuesday night.

In St. Jude's parish at a breakfast meeting attended by over a hundred members in the auditorium of Sharon Terrace school immediately following the monthly Communion Mass the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Adolph G. Keller, president; J. J. Voors, vice-president; J. Ver Keefe, recording and corresponding secretary; Dan C. Falvy, financial secretary; Henry G. Allgeier, treasurer.

Installation of the newly-elected officers will take place at the January meeting, at which time the new president will announce the names of those members selected to fill the appointive offices.

Following the Communion Mass in January there will also be reception of new members into the society, and renewal of the Holy Name Pledge by the present members.

The Society, which organized but two years ago, has enjoyed a substantial growth, the present membership totalling nearly 300.

Holy Cross Priest Conducts Forty Hours

With fifteen priests participating in the services and attended by a capacity congregation, solemn closing of the Devotion of Forty Hours was held Tuesday night at St. Vincent's church, Auburn Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Wendell P. Corcoran, C. S. C., prominent Holy Cross missionary from Notre Dame, engaged by the Rev. John E. Dillon, pastor and diocesan chancellor, for the conduct of the devotion, was most successful in his work. His closing sermon was on "Perseverance." The missionary opened the services, leading in the Litany of the Saints. The Rev. Raphael Donnelly, of Gary, was celebrant; the Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, Besancon, deacon; the Rev. D. Leo Faurote, Avilla, subdeacon; Father Dillon and the Rev. Michael A. Petzold, masters of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, the Very Rev. Msgr. H. F. Joseph Kroll, the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, the Rev. John Tremmel, the Rev. Clement Ewald, Fort Wayne; the Rev. A. V. Nadolny, Egge; the Rev. Paul A. Welch, Arcola; and the Rev. Lawrence Eberle, Plymouth, participated in solemnities.

Society Provides Christmas Cheer

Conducted by Mrs. Frank C. Graffe, president, an important meeting of Belle Lennart Missionary Society, Fort Wayne, was held at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's gymnasium. At this meeting presents were wrapped for the children who are to receive them at the Christmas party scheduled for Saturday morning, December 19, at the Embohy theatre. An article of clothing and candy will be provided each child.

Appointment is announced of the transportation committee and assisting hostesses from the missionary society who will call for the children at their respective parochial schools. The ladies will have approximately ninety-three Catholic children in charge. The theatre party is a city-wide affair. Mrs. Frank Koester, Mrs. Louis Schwartz, Mrs. Dennis Monahan and Mrs. Frank J. Mills form the committee on transportation. Hostesses include: Mrs. Fred Eggman, Mrs. H. W. Davidson, Mrs. Edward Gruber, Mrs. Foss Smith, Mrs. Clarence Freiburger, Mrs. Will J. McBenett, Mrs. William Lennart, Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, Mrs. Michael Cass, Mrs. Frank Ennis, Mrs. Thomas H. Hayes, Mrs. Frank Schwelers, Mrs. William White, Mrs. Charles Kramer, Mrs. Don Mungovan, Mrs. Clem Schiefer.

During the month of November, according to the report of the society, 552 articles of clothing and a large amount of fuel was supplied the needy. A special meeting is planned for 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 29, at the gymnasium when a fruit shower will be held and Christmas baskets packed for distribution.

Morris Plan Has Successful Year

The regular monthly Board Meeting of The Fort Wayne Morris Plan Company was held Wednesday, December 9, 1931, at which time the regular semi-annual dividend of 5%, on the capital stock, payable to their stockholders was declared, and following the custom of the past six years an extra 2% Christmas dividend was declared, making a total dividend of 12% for the year.

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ACADEMY MUSICAL CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Miss Daisy Druce was elected president of St. Augustine's Musical Club, Fort Wayne, at its second meeting of the year held in the music studio of the academy recently. The other officers chosen were: Miss Evelyn Ley, secretary, and Miss Angela Diek, librarian. The Misses Druce, Ley, Ellison Scallan, Philomene Fitch and Mary Jane Griebel were named as the entertainment committee for the January meeting of the group.

Sponsored by the young ladies a Christmas "Gimme" will be conducted in the Cathedral school, December 18-20, proceeds to supplement the general fund of the organization. Committees announced for the affair are as follows: Decoration: Misses Lucille Hohn, Lucille Boxberger, Beatrice Benanti, Mary Ellen Mettler, Betty Piel, Josephine Consentino, Dolores Brown and Elizabeth Radu. Furniture: Misses Druce, Scallan, Ley, Ann Abbott, Angela Diek and Loretta Temple.

Guide—This, ladies and gentlemen, is the greatest cataract in the country, and if the ladies will only be silent for a moment you can hear the thunder of the waters.

Buster: "Mrs. Seldomhome, will you lend me Jimmie's bike?" Mrs. Seldomhome: "Lend you Jimmie's bike? Way, Jimmie will need it himself."

Buster: "No, ma'am, he won't. He's just been knocked down by an auto."

Bishop, 52 Priests, Hundreds of Laity Honor Dead Pastor

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Sanley of the Cathedral, masters of ceremonies. The Rev. James H. Durham, rector of St. Vincent de Paul's church, Logansport, and a former assistant at St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, gave the eulogy following the final absolution imparted by the Most Rev. Bishop. A total of fifty-two priests from all sections of the diocese and a congregation that filled the church attended the funeral services. A delegation of over one hundred persons represented St. Lawrence's parish, Muncie, where Father Schmidt labored zealously for forty years before relinquishing his pastoral labors to retire to a section of the country where climatic conditions were more favorable to his health.

Besides the clergy named those also participating included: the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Durham, Marion, Vicar General, who led the funeral procession to the main entrance; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney, St. Patrick's; the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, St. Peter's, who officiated at the mausoleum in the cemetery where the body of Father Schmidt was placed in a crypt; the Very Rev. Msgr. H. F. Joseph Kroll, St. Paul's; the Rev. Henry A. Horstmann, the Rev. George A. Haaser, the Rev. S. Joachim Ryder, the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, the Rev. John Tremmel, the Rev. Michael Petzold, the Rev. Michael A. Chapman, the Rev. Charles Feites, the Rev. Francis Quinn, the Rev. Leo McHale, the Rev. Mathias Rodinger, the Rev. Clement Ewald, the Rev. Herman Joseph Miller, the Rev. George Angermeyer, city; the Rev. Julius A. Seimetz, the Rev. Joseph Hennas, Decatur; the Rev. Edward J. Mungovan, the Rev. John Hosinski, Hammond; the Rev. John Costello, the Rev. Raphael Donnelly, the Rev. Arnold J. Wibbert, Gary; the Rev. Philip Guethoff, Crown Point; the Rev. John C. Wafer, Gas City; the Rev. Leo J. Dufrane, LaParo; the Rev. John Sullivan, Valparaiso; the Rev. Michael Shea, Union City; the Rev. Charles Marr, Hanover Center; the Rev. Edmund Ley, Wabash; the Rev. Lawrence Eberle, Avilla; the Rev. Paul A. Welch, Arcola; the Rev. Joseph A. Lynn, Michigan City; the Rev. Charles Malay, Knox; the Rev. Francis P. Faust, New Haven; the Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, Besancon; the Rev. Victor Magsam, Logansport.

Friend Gives Tribute

Father Durham, a close personal friend of the deceased, addressed the congregation, selecting his text from the Apocalypse, chapter 14: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now sail the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them."

In an interesting manner Father Durham reviewed the life of Father Schmidt, who was a native of Germany, coming to the United States with his parents when nine years of age. He considered the preparations made for the holy priesthood, his ordination wherein he received the twofold power of consecrating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and remitting sin in the Sacrament of Penance.

He was ordained fifty-six years ago by the Most Rev. Joseph Dwenger, D. D., second Bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne. The zeal exemplified by Father Schmidt in the fulfillment of his sacerdotal duties was lauded by Father Durham, who referred with pride to the work accomplished by the devoted priest in Muncie and where he enjoyed the love and esteem not only of his parishioners, but of many not of the household of the faith. The speaker after alluding to his death on the eve of Mary's great feast, December 8, called upon his auditors to remember the dear departed in prayer.

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When was Leo X ordained priest? You seemed to imply that Ripley was correct when he stated Leo was ordained at the age of seven or eight.

Leo X was not ordained a priest until the age of thirty-eight on March 15, 1513, thereafter being consecrated Bishop. It is true he was tonsured at seven, made an abbot at eight and a cardinal at thirteen.

You say that the Catholic Church does not teach new doctrines, yet the doctrine of infallibility was not made known until 1870. How explain this contradiction?

The Catholic Church solemnly defines only those doctrines which are attacked or questioned. Hence there are doctrines which she teaches, and has always taught, but which have never been solemnly defined. The Divinity of Christ was taught, for example, by the Church from the very beginning of Christianity, but was not solemnly defined until 325. Likewise the Church has always taught the doctrine of infallibility but made no solemn definition on the point until 1870.

The doctrine was not created at this time but was only defined because of the controversies which had arisen. The same is true in regard to many other doctrines of the Church which have been taught since the time of Christ, but were solemnly defined during the centuries which

have elapsed between that and the present time.

Are there any circumstances in which a confessor may divulge what has been told to him by penitents in the confessional?

No. A priest is bound, even at the cost of life itself, never to betray in any way what he has heard in the secrecy of the confessional.

What is the Catholic doctrine concerning the nature of eternal punishment?

The Sacred Scriptures clearly declare that the punishment in hell is eternal. There the fire will not be extinguished, the worm will not die, and the lost will never see God. The worst punishment, to those in hell, is the loss of God.

Was there ever a woman Pope?

Absolutely no.

To what may I refer for fuller information on Purgatory?

The Catholic Encyclopedia, in fact, all the numerous apologetic works, treat of this doctrine exhaustively.

What becomes of Jews and others, who do not believe in Christ's Divinity when they die? Do they go to Heaven, hell or Purgatory?

Those, who live and die, with the desire, in consequence of their love for God, of doing His Will, no matter what the sacrifice, will not be lost.

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Who is the Author of the Bible?

The Holy Ghost is the principal Author. The inspired human writers wrote under His influence.

How is the Bible divided?

The Bible is divided into two parts:

1. The Old Testament—written during the 1500 years B. C.

2. The New Testament—written during the life time of the Apostles.

What is Tradition?

Tradition is that portion of Divine Revelation which was not put down in writing.

What should a person do who is in doubt about what is the word of God?

A person who is in doubt about what is the word of God should pray earnestly and seek the truth from the Teacher God placed on earth to represent Him.

What is the difference between natural and supernatural religion?

Natural religion is man-made. Supernatural religion is God-made. Natural religion is what a man develops for himself. Supernatural religion is what God Himself instituted. The Pagans and the American Indians had a natural religion. Jews and Christians have a supernatural religion.

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WOODEN SPOIL

By Victor Rousseau

SYNOPSIS

Hilary Askew, a young American forester, inherits a tract of timber land in Canada from his uncle, and when he goes to claim his inheritance finds that Mr. Morris and Mr. Brousseau, the men whom he had employed, are unfriendly toward him. They wish to buy the land from him at a very low price, but he refuses. As he is leaving the camp he meets Lafa Connell, a French Canadian, and they become friends.

On his way to his lumber camp Hilary finds evidence of future trouble with the lumbermen, Black Pierre and Leblanc. He also meets Father Lucien in whom he finds an ally. Morris is found to be dishonest, and Hilary asks for his resignation. On leaving the office Morris tells the men that they are discharged. Hilary sees Lafa leaving but does not meet him. Mr. Morris, the seigneur, accuses Hilary of breaking the terms of his lease. He tries to reason with Mr. Morris, but he refuses to listen.

Hilary finds Pierre on his land and a fight ensues.

CHAPTER XII

THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

Pierre's face grinned into his own malignantly, plastered with dust and smeared with the sweat that drove white furrows across it. Hilary let his hands fall limply. For just a second Pierre relaxed his grasp to shift it so that the three knuckles should close on the carotids. Then Hilary put all his strength into a terrific drive with the left. The blow caught Pierre between the eyes, his arms went up, releasing Hilary, and he tottered backward. The yells of the lumbermen which had been continuous, suddenly ceased.

Before Pierre could recover himself Hilary let him have it with the right. Pierre went to the ground. Hilary, still only half conscious, and hardly seeing the prostrate body, drew in a deep chestful of air. A black cloud, filled with dancing specks, swam before his vision. Out of it he saw the face of one of the nearest spectators.

It was filled with an anticipation so pungent that instinctively Hilary leaped aside. Out of the cloud he saw Black Pierre plunge forward, a knife in his hand. The spent blow cut Hilary's sleeve. Pierre recovered himself and rushed at the American, a fearful spectacle, dripping sweat and blood.

Hilary caught him with the right under the jaw, sending him flat. The knife went whirling away into the underbrush. Black Pierre lay still.

Hilary turned to the nearest of the awed lumbermen. "Bring him a cup of water," he ordered.

The man understood and ran into Pierre's hut. But Pierre was only shamming; he opened his eyes, fixed them with burning hate on Hilary, and mumbled:

"Get up!" said Hilary. Pierre rose sullenly, edging out of the reach of the expected blow. He was cowed, the fighting spirit was out of him, as it was out of his companions. They were not Indians and their cowardly, but like children and their leader's downfall had unsettled their world.

As civilized men fear the law, the lumbermen feared the unknown forces that lay behind Hilary and manifested themselves through the strength of his arm.

"I'll give you five minutes to get off the St. Boniface territory into the St. Marie limits, the other side of Rocky River," Hilary said. He turned to the spectators. "I'll thrash every man not employed by me who comes upon my land," he announced.

Whether they understood the meaning of the words or not, they realized the significance of the gesture. Black Pierre, among his companions at the edge of the clearing, stopped his retreat. He meant at least to save his face by threats. But Hilary had deliberately turned his back on danger, without apparent fear of danger, was examining the shacks, and poking the moss out of the interstices between the logs with a forked stick. When he turned the last of the St. Marie men was disappearing out of the clearing down the road. He waited long enough for them to reach the fork before re-entering the buggy.

He was thoughtful on the drive homeward. He knew that it was only the unexpected nature of his action which had cleared the concession. That had been a paramount duty; at any cost he must preserve the integrity of the land. But given Brousseau's leadership and active hostility, they could put up a fight which would render him impotent. Physical force could bring him nowhere in the end.

"Lord, Mr. Askew, you look as if you'd been in a fight," said Lafa, as Hilary entered the office, his cheek bruised and a lump over his eye—no very extensive punishment.

"I have," said Hilary. "I've been in two. First I went up to Monsieur Rosny's, to try to square him about that panhandle tract of Leblanc's. I didn't get very far there, but if you'd let me know," said Connell reproachfully, "Brousseau has the whip hand there. He set Leblanc on to the game and he set old Rosny against you."

"Then I thought I'd take a look at Leblanc's old territory, to make sure that he was not running both leashes for a single payment. Hilary continued. "And I found Black Pierre and his men cutting busily on my own limits."

"And you got into trouble with him! Don't say he struck you, Mr. Askew! Lord, that's bad!"

"He did, and I struck him a good one."

"You proposed, please," said Hilary.

"Now you're talking sense. This ain't the United States, where you rich men can come into a territory and grab it away from the people under their noses. We ain't used to it, and we won't have it. You'll put Mr. Morris back as manager and go home, or else you'll sell out to me."

"Yes, it does come to about the same thing," said Hilary. "Why don't you ask me to make you a free gift of the concession?"

Brousseau scowled savagely at the suggestion. He was educated enough to be stung by banter, but not quick enough to retaliate in kind.

"Now I'll make you my own proposition," said Hilary. "It's this. You can either submit your books to my inspection and make good on that lumber the Morris stole from me last year, and keep your men on your own limits, or you can give up the mill rights after October first and build your own mill."

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You may be perplexed at the thought of a suitable gift for Him. You may even say: "I have nothing worthy of Him. Who is not only my best friend, but my God and my all. Yes, it is only too true that you have nothing worthy of Him. But after all He does not ask much of you. He does want you to love Him, and to give Him your heart."

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With many thanks for the welcome which you extend to me each week after week to address you, I am
Yours faithfully in Christ.

+ John Francis Noll
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May the Christmas peace of Christ enter your hearts on the anniversary of His Nativity when you welcome Him into your inn by a most worthy Holy Communion, and may your life henceforth give "glory unto God in the highest".

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."

The good tidings of great joy announced by God's messenger from Heaven have their basis in a Savior divine, Who is none other than Christ the Lord. The cheerful news had been despairingly awaited for forty centuries, during which interval Holy Scripture represents man as "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death." But the "Light of light," who was "true God of true God," dissipated the darkness, and the shades of death yielded to Him was "the Life."

The great joy is, as you must surely know, of the spiritual and not of the material order, except secondarily. Because man's dignity is derived from his soul, only spiritual joy is worthy of his strife, and because his soul is immortal, only joy eternal should stir his ambition.

"Lift up your hearts" preached the Church, because her mission is to reward you in the words of the Apostle that the joys provided by this world are not only momentary, but bear absolutely no comparison to the joys of the world to come.

The greater portion of mankind even today is steeped in darkness and needs to be reminded by the feast we celebrate that while the human race had its origin in an earthly paradise, this was transformed by the fall of our first parents into a place of exile, a valley of tears; that restoration to mankind's primitive dignity was effected by God Himself, "Who for us and for our salvation, became Incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary."

Oh, would that the voices of all men were united with ours and those of the angels in singing the Gloria: "We praise Him, we bless Him, we adore Him, we glorify Him, we give Him thanks, we ask His mercy." Would that all would invoke Him in the words of the same hymn: "O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art the Lord; Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father."

While the Incarnation brought infinite glory to the Holy Trinity, it did not bring certain salvation to the human race. It merely made it possible for free human beings to become children of God, and to attain bliss everlasting by following the path in which Jesus the Savior led. His example was to be our way; His teaching our truth, the fruits of His redemption, the source and nourishment of our supernatural life.

Are you glad that there is such a day every year as Christmas? If so, you must thank the Catholic Church for it. The feast, universally celebrated, is of her institution.

Commerce has capitalized Christmas as it is wont to capitalize every opportunity. Banks have appealed to all people to build up Christmas Funds by small weekly payments. The sum total with interest is released in advance of Christmas so that merchants might have the benefit of it during the holidays.

This means, of course, that merchants are benefited greatly by Christmas. In fact, in normal times they have expected such a rush of business that they always reminded people through the daily papers to do their "Christmas shopping early." This year they will do less business, but how badly off would they be if there were no Christmas!

The Catholic Church is glad to see people show mutual good will at Christmas time by remembering their relatives and friends with gifts, but that is not the reason why Christmas was instituted. The feast is intended to arouse the world to a realization of the great Gift which God, their Creator, gave to all people, namely, His only-begotten Son. He was given as a ransom for sinners, who would otherwise have been condemned to misery eternal.

Realizing that a passing observance of the feast, even in a spiritual way, will not make a lasting impression on most persons, the Church instituted the season of Advent, of four weeks' duration, during which she exhorts her people to prepare their souls for blessings from Heaven on the anniversary of the birth here on earth of God's eternal Son, following which the Church hopes there will be permanent improvement in their lives.

The spirit of Christmas Day should be the universal

spirit of all times—that of charity; because the lesson of charity is the predominant lesson of the Incarnation: "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." Charity or true love for God will, in itself, elicit charity for one's neighbor.

There is little fraternal charity in the world today because there is too little charity towards God. We have the spectacle of whole nations waging campaigns of hate against God, against His Incarnate Son, against His religion. In other nations, and in those which call themselves Christian, there are groups who are far more aggressively occupied in opposing God and His interests in this world than are other groups, professedly friendly, in defending and promoting His Kingdom of peace and of charity among men.

Theresa Neumann, The Bavarian Mystic

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this vision regularly on that day, she saw the martyrdom of St. Agnes. On the 25th of the same month she saw the conversion of St. Paul, whose feast falls on that day. On January 29th she saw St. Francis de Sales die.

On February 2nd she sees Jesus offered in the temple with all the ceremonies which accompanied it, sees Simeon receive the child in his arms and hears him utter his memorable words.

These visions cannot be explained on the theory that she is so conversant with the liturgical year, and that she is so pious, that she meditates on the events commemorated; because it frequently happens that she is not even aware of the feast or of the mystery commemorated which she sees in vision.

For instance, Christmas eve, in the year 1926, fell on Friday and this being a Friday of Advent her sufferings were unusually severe, and she came out of them in a very weak condition. Her parents spoke to her of the great feast of joy which was now at hand, but Theresa seemed to be in an almost unconscious condition. She was so sick that her father had to remain at home while the rest of the family went to Christmas Mass. He was reading the Gospel of the feast from Goffine, a book which not only contains but explains the Epistles and Gospels of the Sundays and feasts.

It is the custom at Konnersreuth, as in many places even in this country, to strike the bell in the church tower at the time the altar boy rings the bell at the consecration of the Mass. When this was done on this morning Mr. Neumann heard a scream. He looked at her with fright, but noted that a most joyful expression came over her, and that she was looking at something in the distance and listening very attentively. Then she raised herself in bed and went into an ecstasy. The ecstasy concluded, she sank back into her pillow and after a couple of minutes opened her eyes and said: "Oh, how I would like to die just now." By this time Mass was over and the pastor was called. The pastor appeared and had all the members of the Neumann family surrounding him at her bedside. Theresa began to weep, which, however, she tried to control. In answer to the pastor's question "Why are you weeping?", she said: "Because it is no longer nice down here." They said to her: "Theresa we have just returned from Mass." She asked what the particular occasion was, and they answered: "It is Christmas." Then she said: "Oh, yes, it was the Christ Child Which I have just seen".

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Around The World In Ten Minutes

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years is indicated by a complete catalogue of them to be printed by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The total now is 551. Ten years ago, the last time such a catalogue was issued, there were only 328. The increase is due partly to the large number of new causes introduced during the last ten years, but in a greater degree to the old causes which had been abandoned but are now being taken up again.

Some idea of the geographical distribution of the claimants to beatification and canonization may be gathered from the following figures: Europe furnished 482 of the total, Asia 24, South America 21, North America 12, Africa 8, Central America 2, and Australia 2. Italy provides the largest share of Europe's 271, or almost exactly one-half of the total for the whole world.

Anti-Divorce Move Barred In Trinidad

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD.—An amazing situation developed here following a decision by the government to press the divorce bill to a second reading.

Opponents of the bill had decided to stage a monster demonstration, bringing special trains with thousands of country folk from the most remote plantations and sugar estates into the city. A bombshell was cast into their plans, however, by a ruling of the government that the railway must refuse to run special trains on the ground that large crowds in the city would constitute a danger to public safety.

Then, the Catholic Archbishop issued an appeal for abandonment of the meeting because of the suggestion behind the government's ruling that the Church was encouraging civil commotion.

"The fight against the bill, however, is not lost," the Archbishop said. "Let the women of the colony remember

the women of Italy, who defeated the efforts of the most powerful politicians in the days of Cicerio to enact a divorce law in Italy. The divorce bill is not yet law. Efforts must be redoubled, earnestness must become more intense."

Giuriati Quits Post In Fascist Regime

ROME, ITALY.—Gianni Giuriati has resigned as secretary of the Fascist Party. He had been one of the most vigorous assailants of the policies of the Church in the recent Church-State dispute.

It was recalled that when Premier Mussolini and Pope Pius XI reached an accord in September on the Catholic Action controversy, each demanded and agreed on the retirement of the most active disputant on each side. Father Enrico Rosa was removed as head of the Catholic Publishing House and the resignation of Signor Giuriati was predicted.

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Yours respectfully,
J. B. W.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8, 1931.

Dear Father:

I am a constant and very fond reader of Our Sunday Visitor, and because I get so much pleasure out of my reading, I would like to have a one-year subscription sent to my brother.

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T. A.

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not appear to be a definite surrender to the Papal request.

Cathedral Dynamited To Clear Palace of Soviets Site

MOSCOW, RUSSIA.—Dynamite was exploded in the old Cathedral of the Redeemer to complete the work of demolition started some time ago. The blasts were set off at intervals of an hour and the entire side of the great granite structure facing the river has been torn away.

This was the largest church in Moscow and the city's most conspicuous landmark. In its place will rise a huge modern building to be known as the Palace of the Soviets.

Father Gillis Sees Science Near Catholic Church

NEW YORK CITY.—Modern science is slowly reverting to the orthodoxy of the Catholic Church, the Rev. James Gillis, editor of The Catholic World, said at the second meeting of the symposium on religion held under the auspices of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant counselors at Columbia University.

Citing St. James Jean's statement that "matter either came into being or was brought into being," as an example, Father Gillis declared that the present ideas of God held by scientists was that "God is pure thought."

"As far as I could see, the late Thomas Edison was coming closer and closer to the pure Christian doctrine that the Catholic Church has always held," he continued. "A realization that vast power and infinite intelligence is responsible for this universe is becoming more and more universal."

St. Luke's Gospel Story Is Confirmed By The Inscription On A Temple

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either"—we come to the all-important census passage, which is his unique contribution to Christian literature.

Three times I held a lectio senatus and in my sixth consulship, with M. Agrippa as my colleague, I carried out a census of the Roman people (28 B. C.). I performed the lustrum after an interval of forty-two years. At this lustrum 4,983,000 Roman citizens were entered on the rolls. A second time, in the consulship of C. Censorinus and C. Asinius. (This was the Christmas census nowhere else mentioned. These consulships date it as the year 8 B. C.) I completed a lustrum without the help of a colleague invested with the consular imperium.

At this second lustrum, 4,253,000 Roman citizens were entered on the rolls. A third time, in the consulship of Sex. Pompeius and Sex. Appuleius (14 A. D.) I completed a lustrum, being invested with the consular imperium, and having my son, Tiberius Caesar, as my colleague. At this third lustrum, 4,987,000 Roman citizens were entered on the rolls.

That simple paragraph is fuller of important information than a nut is of meat. Of significance hardly to be measured, is the emperor's mention of the second census, nowhere else alluded to in surviving documents. Because these latter could not be made

to fit into Luke's story, the Gospel author has been discredited in certain scholarly circles. Now, in full imperial glory and power, the Emperor Augustus himself strides forth from the silence of 2,000 years to say that Luke was a reliable historian.

Second in importance is the dating of the birth of Christ. By the testimony of Augustus, this must have occurred in the year 8 B. C., unless somewhat delayed, as well as adapted to Hebrew usage, by Herod. The allusion to Cyrenus by Luke has also been a stumbling block to Bible students; but it is now known that he was twice Governor; and some translators say the Greek text could be rendered "when Cyrenus was first Governor of Syria."

While the whole long autobiography of Augustus makes interesting reading, of incalculable historical value, the one outstanding fact about it is that the ruler of the then known world, who today has his greatest fame because his name is linked with that of the Christmas babe, thus belatedly emerges from the dust of the ages to attest the credibility of the story of the birth.

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Radio Program

The Catholic Students' Mission of St. Mary's college, Notre Dame, Ind., gave one of the most successful radio programs ever seen at St. Mary's on December 19th. Funds raised went to the missions, as did the other proceeds gathered by this organization of the college.

The program, which was a take-off on the R. K. O. radio program, was extremely clever. Mary Louise Kramers, who led with the R. K. O. theme song, started the program which was continued with various songs, all of which were taken from the microphone. Students taking part further included Louise Barthman, Marie Moore, Marion Helber, Rose Marie Miles, Louise Blittorf and Harriet Nefield.

Proceeds went to make up a Christmas gift to the foreign missions.

ALTAR SOCIETY CIRCLE
Mrs. Charles Adelsperger, 511 E. Kirby Blvd., was elected president of the Altar Society of St. Joseph's parish at a breakfast held in the parish hall last Sunday morning. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Frank Hager, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Mason, second vice-president; Mrs. Michael Boehm, third vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Humphrey, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Mason, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Shilt, recording secretary; Mrs. Jacob Singler, financial secretary. About one hundred women were present at the breakfast. The next meeting will be held in the parish hall on the evening of January 5.

K. K. AUXILIARY ENTERTAIN
Forty members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus entertained at luncheon Friday, Dec. 11, in the Ruskon tea room in compliment to Mrs. Charles Scott, past president of that organization, who is leaving soon for Decatur, Ill., where she will make her home. Following luncheon the time was spent at bridge. Those in charge of the arrangements were Mrs. Daniel Kelly and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey.

CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF ALTAR GROUP
Mrs. Charles Adelsperger was chosen president of the Altar Society of St. Joseph's church at the election of officers which took place in the parish hall recently. Other officers named at that time were: Mrs. Frank Hager, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Mason, second vice-president; Mrs. Michael Boehm, third vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Humphrey, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Mason, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Shilt, recording secretary; Mrs. Jacob Singler, financial secretary. The next meeting will be held on January 5 in the parish hall, it was announced.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. STANISLAUS
Plans are under way for a Christmas party to be given December 29 by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sodality of St. Stanislaus' school. Miss Clementine Klotz has been named chairman of the social committee and to arrange for the get-together. In addition to this gathering the Sodality also plans a bazaar party to be held Monday, December 28.

As a preparation for the Christmas festivities, Forty Hours' Devotion was held at St. Stanislaus' church during the past week, the devotion being brought to a close on Tuesday evening, when the Rev. Ignatius Gaponowicz, pastor of Sacred Heart church of LaPorte, delivered the closing sermon. Arrangements for the devotion were in charge of the Rev. Boleslaus J. Stuchlik, C. S. C., pastor of St. Stanislaus' church.

FATHER HAMMES HEARD
The Rev. T. J. Hammes, pastor of St. Matthew's church, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Lincoln School Parent-Teacher Association which was held Friday, Dec. 11, in the school auditorium.

LEADS HONOR LIST
Heading the honor roll of St. Mary's college for the first quarter of the school year is Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. M. Kaczmarek, 317 Napoleon Blvd. Miss Kaczmarek is a Senior. To gain consideration for the honor list it is necessary to have an average of at least 90 per cent in every subject.

BENEFIT CONCERT
A benefit concert, the proceeds of which will aid St. Hedwig's high school, was given in the school hall last Sunday evening under the auspices of the Patrons of Education Club. Besides musical solos, choral numbers by three singing organizations, the St. Hedwig's church choir, the Young Men's Glee Club, and the Glee Club of the high school, solo dances by Miss Harriet Smoger, and the Polish national dance given by the students, two plays were also acted.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AT NOTRE DAME
Announcement has recently been made of the establishment of two new scholarship funds at Notre Dame by the Ralph Sollitt and Sons Construction Company of Chicago and South Bend. The two prizes, which are in money and will be awarded annually, are for proficiency in the department of architecture and will be known as the Ralph Sollitt and Sons Scholarship and the Ralph Sollitt and Sons Construction Scholarship.

MISHAWAKA

Members of the Rosary Society of St. Mary's church entertained Thursday evening, Dec. 10, in the school auditorium in honor of Mrs. Anna Biesbrock. Games and contests were indulged in, the favors being awarded to Mrs. Elsie Mimschott, Mrs. Achille Alida, Mrs. Cyrella Bracke, Mrs. Cella De Smet and Mrs. Anna Van Hoed.

At a recent meeting of the Daughters of Isabella held in the Knights of Columbus hall, Mrs. Gertrude Clouse was named chairman in charge of the rummage sale held on South Main street during the past week.

Mrs. Mary Tremel, 321 S. Spring street, was hostess to St. Joseph's Rosary Circle No. 4 on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The January hostess for the organization's meeting will be Mrs. Felix DeClerq, 325 S. Spring street.

St. Joseph's Rosary Circle No. 13 was entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. Richard, 118 N. Merrifield Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Mrs. August Mahank, 518 W. Fourth street, acted as hostess for St. Joseph's church Rosary Circle No. 2 at her home recently.

Circle No. 14 of St. Joseph's Rosary Society met with Mrs. M. S. Kunekel of Studebaker St., Thursday evening, Dec. 10. The next session will be held in the home of Mrs. Marvin Kaylor on January 11.

St. Joseph's church Rosary Circle No. 1 was entertained Wednesday, Dec. 9, by Mrs. Fred Stockinger, 402 W. Fourth St. Favors were presented to Mrs. Hilda Byers and Mrs. Edward McLaughlin. January's gathering is to take place at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Stockinger, 327 W. Fourth St., it was announced.

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ALTAR SOCIETY
Thirty-seven members of the Altar Society of St. Vincent's answered roll call Wednesday, December 9, at a meeting at the school hall. Mrs. Georgia Gabbard, president, presided. Prizes went to Mrs. Genevieve Nye, Mrs. Mary Goady, Mrs. Tillie Smith and Mrs. Lillian Banny. Mrs. Oliver Baron, chairman of the committee, served refreshments. Mrs. E. A. Paehse will be chairman of entertainment for the next meeting.

VILLAGERS CLUB
A business session of the Villagers Club was held Thursday, December 10, in the Community Center. Twenty new members were initiated. A three-course dinner was served at tables gaily decorated for the Christmas season. During the dinner a duet was sung by Frank Laidlow and Charles Ludwig. Community singing was led by Charles Ludwig, and the remainder of the time was spent in dancing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fifty members attended the meeting of the Knights of Columbus and assisted in the degree work. The first degree team of Mishawaka Council officiated and a class of five was initiated, including two priests. The major degree initiation announced for December 13 in South Bend has been postponed and will be held shortly after January 1. The presentation of the award to Elkhart will be given at the meeting of the committee. Lecturer Charles R. Ludwig and Frank Laidlow sang several songs.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA
Mrs. Anna Dalton was received as a new member at the meeting of De Paul Circle, Daughters of Isabella, Monday, December 7, in the Community Center. There was a good attendance. The dues prize was won by Mrs. Dot Monshien, and Mrs. Theresa Snyder received the club prize. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Helen Loy, chairman, Mrs. Irene Petgen and Mrs. Tillie Smith.

On December 21 there will be a pot luck supper and a gift exchange. Mrs. Helen Schaefer, chairman, Mrs. Irene Petgen, Mrs. Loretta LaRoque and Mrs. Mayne Monah will be in charge of entertainment.

LOGANSPOUT

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MRS. WILL BAKER ENTERTAINS GROUP
Mrs. Will Baker was hostess to St. Margaret's Court, Companion Foresters of Logansport, at their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 17.

FRANK V. NOEL OF LOGANSPOUT DEAD
Frank V. Noel of Logansport died Tuesday afternoon, December 8, at his home after but a short illness. Surviving are two sisters, Mary Erb of Logansport and Effie F. Caldwell of Chicago and a brother, Thomas E. Noel of Logansport. Funeral services were held Friday morning from St. Vincent's church, the Rev. James H. Durham in charge and burial made in St. Vincent's cemetery.

LOGANSPOUT A. O. H. ELECTIONS OFFICERS
New officers for the A. O. H. were elected at the dinner meeting held Wednesday night, December 9, in the

Logansport K. of G. hall. They are: Florence Kearney, president; Mrs. Ellen Hooley, vice-president and national board secretary; Mrs. Rose Weaver, financial secretary; Mrs. Charles Zaus, treasurer; May Murphy, recording secretary; Mrs. Kate Britton, mistress of arms; Mrs. Ellen Conroy, sentinel; and Mrs. Cecilia Doyle, chairman of the standing committee.

ST. VINCENT'S P. T. A. IN REGULAR SESSION
A meeting of St. Vincent's P. T. A. was held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 9, in the school hall, Logansport. Following the business session Father Durham gave a talk on his trip to France after which Miss Mary Haez, teacher in dramatics in St. Vincent's school, entertained with a group of readings. Children of the first grade presented a Christmas program.

JOHN HOLLAND, PERU, MAN, PASSES AWAY
John Holland, 38, of Peru, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Seery near Akron, on Wednesday, December 9. Four sisters survive. Funeral services were held Friday morning from St. Charles' church in Peru.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL
The following pupils of St. Joseph's school, Logansport, have received nothing lower than B for their second report:

Grade 10—Margaret Helms, Helen Nowicki, Nellie Porter.

Grade 9—Claude Berkshire, Harry Morton, Jane Clark, Nora Cortie, Catherine Fort, Mary Alice Grusenmeyer, Mary Jane Roach, Mary Spitznogle.

Grade 8—Patricia Ansley, Joan Gundrum, Josephine Hurley, Mary Loner, Mary Ann O'Connor, Marietta Wermes.

Grade 7—Thomas Hirschauer, Willard Walsh, Catherine Beltemacchi, Rosalie Cortie, Angeline Fort, Mary Louise Prie, Madonna Hirsch, Dolores Keller, Margaret Gloom, Irene Krantz, Mary Margaret Medland, Mary Catherine Stuart.

Grade 6—Robert Grusenmeyer, Herman Loner, Lucille Greery, Albert Gray, Marie Ruth Keller, Anna Marie Spitznogle, Betty Lou Wagner, Sarah Jane Wagner.

Grade 5—George Skelton, Dorothy Ann Cortie, Josephine Fort, Catherine Gingrich, Irene Hetaier, Virginia Keller, Mary Kloss, Carmel Ricci, Dorothy White.

Grade 4—Julius Burns, John Entire, Robert Elser, Joseph Frie, John T. Fillmore, Albert Grusenmeyer, Richard Gray, James A. Julian, William Krantz, Jack Mucker, John J. Petrie, Cletus Spitznogle, James Spitznogle, Harry Scawzyk, Jack Wagner, Mary Kissingner, Mary Parisi, Clara Riola.

Grade 3—Richard Iles, Walter Murphy, Bud Kisinger, William Keiter, Frederick Rothermel, Vincent Skeran, Bernard White, Jackie Gray, Mary Ann Duffy, Elsie Fillmore, Helen Hirsch, Patricia Harris, Emily Jane Keller, Betty Ricci, Coleen Ricci, Janet Rolewicz, Patricia Ann Tam, Mary Grace Wagner.

MRS. GEORGE NILES, NEAR WINIMAC, DEAD
Mrs. George Niles, 45, of near Winimac, died in a hospital at Logansport Dec. 12. Funeral services were held from St. Peter's church, Winimac, Dec. 14. The husband and two daughters survive. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at Winimac.

MARY ISENBERGER, 71, KOKOMO, PASSES AWAY
Mrs. Mary Isenberger, 71, of Kokomo, a member of St. Patrick's church, died Dec. 13 after a long illness. A son, Michael, survives. The body was sent to Niles, Mich., for burial.

EAGAN'S TEAM WINS PIN SCORING HONORS
Bowling 2212, the team captained by Joe Eagan won the scoring honors in the Logansport Knights of Columbus pin league play on Wednesday, December 8. The winning team was led by Ted Sullivan who bowled 213-210-148 for a total of 571 points. Six teams took part in the contest.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
The Rev. Michael Aichinger, pastor, has announced that as usual, Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's church, Logansport, at midnight on Christmas eve. St. Joseph's is the only Catholic church in the city that has made a custom of midnight mass at Christmas and the church is always filled to capacity for the occasion.

DELPHI CATHOLICS LOSE BASKETBALL GAME
At the Delphi Sunday School League basketball games played Wednesday night, December 9, the Catholics defeated the Methodists 19 to 9 and the Baptists defeated the Catholics 17 to 15.

RECEIVES PRIZES
Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Lizzie Fluke and Mrs. Ben Weaver were awarded prizes at the St. Vincent's Sewing Circle card party held Tuesday afternoon, December 8, in the Logansport K. of G. hall.

KOKOMO KAYSES TO HAVE CAGE QUINTET
The Kokomo Knights of Columbus lodge will have a team in the basketball league being formed in central Indiana by the lodges. "Brownie" Hall will be in charge of the Kokomo team which will be composed of only members or prospective members of the lodge.

GIVE CARD PARTY FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
A benefit card party for St. Patrick's church was given Tuesday evening, December 8, in the Kokomo K. of G. hall by Mrs. Margaret Heekin and Mrs. George Ormsby. A miscellaneous program presented by Margaret Draper, Katherine Ann Travers, Mary Jo Humbert, Ruth Stroup, Mary Louise Travers, Fred Adams and Mrs. Joe Humbert preceded the games for which forty tables were arranged. Prizes at bridge were awarded Mrs. O. E. Foust, Joe Humbert, O. E. Foust, J. Morrill, Mrs. J. P. Grace, Mrs. Harrison Miller, Mrs. Claude Williams, Katherine McEntee, Mrs. Belle Sweeney, Claude Williams, Mrs. Edward Yarling, Mrs. Fred Leeds, Mrs. Loretta Keeney, Miss Ellen Keating, Paul Rosow, Mrs. Clara Dale, Mrs. Carl Quinn, M. Hillman, Mrs. Hilten, Elizabeth Bodinham, Mrs. H. J. Walsh of Chicago. Solemn Benediction followed, with Father Walsh officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Nickels of Kouts, Indiana; the Rev.

H. Quinn, Ralph Young, Kate Hand, Mrs. Wm. Travers, Ambrose Walsh, Anisia Zapfe, Mrs. Charles O'Neill, Mrs. Nellie Johnson, John Rosow, Mrs. Balthazar, Maud Butcher, W. H. Kerby and Dennis Fitzgerald.

ST. CHARLES' P. T. A. HOLDS CARD PARTY
St. Charles' P. T. A. of Peru held a card party Tuesday afternoon, December 8, at the home of Mrs. Everett Oakley. Twelve tables were arranged for the games, prizes for bridge going to Mrs. Joseph Kennedy and Mrs. Edward Kennedy. Prizes at "five hundred" were awarded Mrs. Graham Crane and Miss Elizabeth Schmitz. Mrs. Oakley and Mrs. C. T. Bryant were in charge of the party.

ST. JOSEPH'S NET TEAM DEFEATS ST. VINCENT'S
In a fast game played recently St. Joseph's grade school basketball team of Logansport defeated St. Vincent's team of that city, 23 to 22. The game was played at St. Vincent's school, Charles Iles and Charles Petrie starring for the winners and Joe Maroney for the losers.

LAFAYETTE

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Charity Bazaar Huge Success
The first charity bazaar and carnival given by the students of St. Francis' high school for girls in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon and evening drew large crowds and the proceeds will be used by the Sunshine and Mission societies for Christmas cheer for the needy.

The auditorium was gaily decorated in carnival style. Beautifully decorated booths offered candy, popcorn, dolls and parcel post. A large bingo stand was erected in the center of the room, where pretty and useful articles were offered. Supper was served and refreshments, including the proverbial circus hot dog and ice cold pop, were served during the evening. The class rooms were used for various stunts, including the famous "crazy house," which was one of the busiest places of the evening. Several girls, attired in gypsy costumes, lured the guests to tents where the "gypsies" told fortunes.

Local merchants, donated valuable articles, which were given away at the close of the carnival.

AMBITUS CLUB
The bi-weekly dinner meeting of the Ambitus club of St. Boniface's church was held Thursday, December 10th, at St. Boniface's Community Center.

After the luncheon a very descriptive talk was related by Arman Reichard, his topic covering, "Photography and Sports." Mr. Reichard explained the enjoyment derived from "shooting" birds and animals with a camera as well as with fire arms. Three reels of very thrilling motion pictures on "Fishing in the North" were shown by Kenneth Laws.

The attendance prize was awarded to the membership team captained by John Hicks. The committee in charge of the entertainment was Norbert Zahn, Theodore Brickler, and Robert Kirkhoff.

The date of the annual Christmas Party announced for Sunday, December 27th, will be held at St. Boniface's Community Center.

HONOR ROLL
The following names appear on the honor roll at St. Francis' high school for girls: Leona Balensiefer, Elizabeth Cory, Dortha Rhein, Rosemary Riley, Jane Ruschell, Helen Shoemaker, Mary Wagner and Mary Isabel Wurtenberger.

The scholarship medal was awarded to Dortha Rhein and Leona Balensiefer, to be worn by each for a period of three weeks.

HAMMOND

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Frosh At Catholic Central Spellbound by "Spell of Xmas Joy"
"We've been 'green' heard 'green' and seen 'green' ever since September." So pondered Mr. Freshman at Catholic Central. "Our day is coming. Perhaps, then some of the other classmen will become 'green' with envy, when they see the 1931 Freshies upon their first real show, next Sunday afternoon, and on the evening of the following Tuesday." Any way the youngest class at the local school has rehearsed play, and song, and music with enviable zeal and zest. In fact some of them will give evidence of more or less complete metamorphosis by the fact that some of their number are to personify saints and angels in the charming Christmas entertainment, entitled "A Spell of Christmas Joy" by Florence F. Smith.

Weaving their golden band of joy into the closing moments of the pre-holiday sessions of the school, the cast is preparing for the matinee and main performance of "A Spell of Christmas Joy" to be given on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 and 8 p. m.

Hammond Nursing Chapter Meets
The Hammond Chapter of the International Catholic Federation of Nurses held their annual meeting at St. Margaret's Hospital, Sunday, December 13.

About fifty members met with the student nurses in the beautifully decorated chapel to hear the impressive sermon rendered by the Rev. H. J. Walsh of Chicago. Solemn Benediction followed, with Father Walsh officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Nickels of Kouts, Indiana; the Rev.

Ambrose Kohns, of All Saints' church, Hammond, Indiana; and the Rev. J. Neill Hagenmayer, Chaplain of St. Margaret's Hospital.

The service was closed with the singing of the Te Deum.

Later the nurses met in the living room of the Nurses' Home, where they were served with delicious refreshments and were entertained by the Nurses' Glee Club.

The Sisters of Mount Mercy Sanitarium, Munster, Indiana, honored the members with their presence during the entire meeting.

Monograms Awarded At Catholic Central

On Tuesday evening, December 22nd, a number of the students of Catholic Central, Hammond, will be honored by the faculty by the awarding of honor monograms for either scholastic or athletic achievements during the past semester. Standards in both divisions of attainments are held reasonably high, yet not too far beyond hope of actual attainment.

Scholastic awards will be bestowed upon the following:

Large Honor Monograms: Stanley Standick, Bernard Makowski, Vione Hagan.

Small Honor Monograms: John Beckman, James Clark, John Harubin, Jacob Kochis, John Labors, Florence Maginick, Mary Agnes McShane, Thomas McDonagh, Virginia Perinovic, Noreen Sullivan, Alice Shearon, Edward Tampe, Cleona Tobia, Ann Dougherty.

Honorable Mention: Mary Bieker, Roma Murphy, Mary Sobek, Anthony Zato, Patricia O'Keefe, Regina Brown, June Menning, Betty Backman, Robert Engleton, Stella Gajda, Sylvia Jaskolski, Thomas Radigan.

Gertrude Mund, Mary Ronciak, Harvey Brown, Mary Brown, Stephanie Gohier, Eleanor McMahon, Elizabeth Ramsey, Helen Calderone, Catherine Enright, Catherine Hap, Edward Hosky, Marcella Horach, Philip Kolb.

Aloysius Wozniak, Irene Zolko, William Robin, Barnes, Gudatila, John Jakubielak, Mary Zygalska, Emmet Markey, Catherine McGrath.

Patricia McShane, Alex Rybicki, Mary Sfora, Paul Simkovich, Irene Schmal, Anna Cvitkovich, Marcella Christ.

In the department of Athletics the following names are cited for honorable mention:

Entitled to Sweaters: John Nytko, Joseph Papach, Frank Grodzicki. Entitled to an 8-inch "C": Thomas Zajac, Anthony Matovina, Aloysius Chalfoux, Joseph Cieloski.

Entitled to a 6-inch "C": Edward Lania, Andrew Lacinaki, Thomas Radigan, Francis Buhala, John Harubin, Harvey Brown, James Clark, Emil Book, James Bonner.

Entitled to a 3-inch "C": Harry Tippman, Albert Pollock, Wilfred Maginot, John Beckman, Robert Engleton.

Entitled to a Numeral: Bruno Napela, George Carr, John Joyce, Richard Watson, Thomas Thomson, Philip Kolb, Andrew Varga, Alex Rybicki, John Pikula, Joseph Urbaneczyk, George Rohman, Anthony Calmoli, Edward Schreiner.

Both the scholastic and athletic awards will be made in the gymnasium of the school before a large assembly of friends and relatives of the students, next Tuesday evening.

Recommendations for athletic achievements were made to the faculty by the board of directors of athletics, consisting of the Rev. Edward Ignasiak, director of athletics; Attorney John Wallace, coach of football; John Hoess, business manager of athletics at the school; Patrick McShane, Michael "Peachy" Matovina and Edmund Hartman.

CALUMET REGION

Hammond—Judge Hoiniski of South Bend addressed the Catholic Men's Luncheon Tuesday evening in St. Casimir's gymnasium. The Judge's topic was "Taxation." Catholic men from nearly every parish in Hammond were present.

East Chicago—Venerable M. Mother Cedonia, Superior General of the community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, whose Motherhouse is in Dernbach, Germany, visited St. Catherine's Hospital this week to see Sister M. Leonore, Superintendent of the order's schools. Sister Leonore has been ill for some time.

Mother Cedonia has been in America since October visiting the various missions of the order.

She has just completed a tour of the northern missions and before coming to St. Catherine's visited St. Augustine's school in Chicago. She stopped here en route to LaPorte. She expects to be in the country six months, and will spend a week at the hospital here later on.

Mother Cedonia is the second Superior General of the order to visit America. Her predecessor, Venerable Mother M. Firmata, who recently celebrated her birthday, visited this country in 1924.

East Chicago—Col. Walter J. Riley, K. M. noted East Chicago philanthropist, was honored on his birthday, December 9, by children of the Carmelite Orphanages here and in Hammond who presented him with beautiful bouquets. In presentation speeches made by the children the noted Catholic layman was thanked for his many kindnesses to the institutions.

Munster—The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Mercy was marked here Sunday by nuns of the Mt. Mercy Sanitarium on Ridge Road. Nearly one hundred guests including patients, nuns from other communities and friends of the order were present.

Ceremonies opened with solemn High Mass with the Rev. Jos. Suesler of Griffith, as celebrant, the Rev. Michael Urbanicki, chaplain of the Sanitarium, Deacon, the Rev. Henry Highland, of Chicago, Master of Ceremonies, and the Rev. Paul Lecocq.

In the sermon Father Highland traced the history of the order since that December 12th, 1851, when the Venerable Mother McAuley and four nuns founded the world famous Sisters of Mercy in Dublin. He told how the work of the order has spread throughout the world, and how the nuns of the order have served with the renowned Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War and nursed the sick and wounded on the battlefields of America's Civil War.

The Order now has 30,000 members and 10,000 communities all over the world. Work of Mt. Mercy Sanitarium has won widespread attention throughout the Middle West. It's Superior, Sister M. Reginalda, is also a visiting lecturer in Psychiatry in some

of the nurses' training schools of the region.

Besides the Sanitarium at Munster this Order also operates the St. Vincent's Home for the Aged in Hammond.

Old Shield May Bring Woman Fortune

San Jose, Calif.—The discovery by a San Jose artist-priest may bring fortune to a young San Francisco woman rewarding her courage in starting a gift shop there with nothing but \$10.61—all the money she had.

An old cast-iron shield, which she bought two and a half years ago from a second-hand dealer for \$10, may prove to be the work of Benvenuto Cellini, master metal worker, author and swordsman of the sixteenth century, or of one of his pupils—and therefore may be worth a fortune.

"It is apparently exquisite sixteenth century work or an expert and valuable reproduction," says the Rev. Luigi Sciochetti of the Holy Cross church here. "The matter can be decided definitely only by a chemical analysis of the metal, a test I cannot make."

Meanwhile, Miss Flora MacDougal, proprietor of a tea room and gift shop in Tillman Alley, here, has refused \$300 for the shield which she had hanging loose for two years on a nail outside her shop.

While she awaits word on the matter from Adolfo Ventura, a noted authority in Rome, Miss MacDougal is keeping the shield in a bank vault.

Father Sciochetti, who recognized the possible value of the work at \$100,000, if it is original, is well known here as the artist-priest who painted the murals in St. Joseph's church a few years ago. He describes the shield as 12 by 18 inches in dimensions, with exquisitely cast mythological characters.

GETTING FAMILIAR
"Saw the sea yesterday."
"Did it recognize you?"
"Well, it 'waved' towards me!"

INDIANA

Spanish Catholics Continue Efforts Despite State Ban

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tas has sponsored a series of talks in the different cities of Spain. Accion Nacional has elected as its president, Deputy Gil Robles so as to give new impetus to the organization and its activities in future elections.

In Valencia and Catalonia the Accion Catalana is becoming more and more active. Valencia Catholics have formed an action group with the name Derecha Valenciana, the Valencia Right, distinctly political in character. It is organizing municipal nuclei to elect councilors in due time; later provincial groups will be organized. The essential duty of these will be organizing the voters. Already they have organized 160 local councils with 20,000 members, 8,000 being women.

Among the sections of the party is one that is concerned with collecting voluntary contributions from Catholics to meet the needs of the clergy. All the membership has promised to make up the quotas necessary to meet the cuts in the religious budget. In the event that Religious will have to abandon instruction, the Valencian Regional Right will collect children at their schools and will create schools annexed to the parishes. This regional organization comprises all eastern Spain except Catalonia.

Fathers Are Organized
In the latter section Catholic activity is becoming more intense. Above all the freedom of education is being sought. In conjunction with each of the schools of Barcelona a unity of the Association of Fathers of Families is being organized in defense of the schools of Religious. There are more than a hundred of these associations and the schools included have more than 30,000 pupils. The Anglicans have sent some emissaries to open schools, approving of the prohibiting of the Religious. Catholics are redoubling their activities to offset this particularly through the Jovenes Cristianos, or young people's group.

A "National Fund" has been planned so that Catholics all over Spain may contribute to the support of the Church now that the budget allocation has been reduced drastically. This fund is to be administered by the Hierarchy.

Among the outstanding Catholic events in Catalonia the assembly of the ejercitantes at the famous Sanctuary of Monserrat deserves special mention. The ejercitantes are men who make the spiritual retreats. This laymen's organization is known as the League of Perseverance and has more than 25,000 members. Similar organizations are found in other nations. The League founded the Institute for Unemployed Men, the first of its kind in Europe. For eight years it has been popular in Catalonia and has spread to other sections of Spain. In Holland it has a membership of 200,000.

Education Dept. Measure Again Is Before Congress

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ures touching upon immigration, unemployment relief, naturalization, veteran hospitalization and relief, prohibition, and other topics.

Representative Iudd of New York has introduced a bill providing for the amendment of the Immigration Act of 1924 so that it shall read in part as follows:

"Nuns, de

Merry Christmas

Gaspar's Story

By Louise Driscoll

All day I heard the camel bells
Give out their small, shrill, silver
cries.
At dusk we came to dusty trees,
And when our tired, sun-strained
eyes
Saw the low roofs of Bethlehem
We urged our weary beasts to them.

The sun dropped like a ball of fire
And night was on us suddenly.
We could not see the thing we passed,
It seemed the thing ahead might be
Edge of a precipice where men,
Falling, would never rise again.

And then the stars came, one by one,
And sharp night noises filled the air.
The wind came from Judean hills
With tang of the cold evening there.
Our camels' feet fell thumping down
On the rough, hard road to the town.

Then I could see Balthazar ride,
Lean and strong and old was he;
Melchior's hand was in his beard.
I was the youngest of the three.
I rode behind in the star-light
That pierced the darkness of the night.



At last we saw one star that rose
Like some white, shining flower set
In gardens thick with lesser bloom
Of blue and gold and violet.
One strange white star, so radiant
It seemed to lead us as we went.

Our eyes were on the star, we said
Small words in whispers, breath-
lessly.
It led us past the market place
And the great caravanserai.
We left our camels and we crept
By the dark inn where people slept.

We found the stable door ajar
And there was a soft light within.
We saw the oxen kneeling there
And heard a lullaby begin.
Some sweet, low music, never sung
On earth by any human tongue.

I saw Balthazar offer gold,
And I saw Melchior lay myrrh
Upon the stable floor, as they
Fell on their knees, revering her.
She was a little Hebrew maid,
So lovely that I was afraid.

I was afraid until she smiled,
I am the youngest of the three.
I gave her frankincense and said,
"Dear Lady, take this gift from me."
I looked upon her Child that lay
Asleep on His low bed of hay.

A Merry Christmas To You!

By Edgar B. Casey, O. F. M.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt
amongst us! Christmas is here again!
Whether we celebrate by preparing an
elaborate tree and by a prolonged ex-
change of gifts, or whether we cele-
brate simply by assisting at Holy
Mass and by receiving the Infant
Savior in Holy Communion, it is the
fact that Christmas is the anniversary
of the world's greatest event, the
Birth of the Redeemer, that fills the
heart with the sweetest emotions and
causes us, no matter what our trials
or sufferings, to forget all else while
the remembrance of the Infant Who
nestled on His Immaculate Mother's
breast that first Christmas morning,
constrains us to throb with kindness,
love, gratitude and praise.

When holly wreaths, Christmas
carols and the joyous Christmas bells
remind us again of the message the
Angels brought as they sang cen-
turies ago: "Behold, I bring you good
tidings of great joy, that shall be to
all the people; for, this day, is born
to you a Savior, Who is Christ the
Lord, in the city of David. And this
shall be a sign unto you. You shall
find the Infant wrapped in swaddling
clothes, and laid in a manger. Glory

to God in the highest; and on earth
peace to men of good will," we find
ourselves rejoiced by emotions we can
find no words to express. We are
silent with an eloquent silence in the
enjoyment of those sentiments that
filled the heart of Father Faber as he
gave voice to his happiness in that
inimitable poem:

At last Thou art come, little Savior!
And Thine angels fill midnight with
song.
Thou art come to us, gentle Creator!
Whom Thy creatures have sighed
for so long.

Thou hast with Thee plentiful pardon
And our souls overflow with delight,
Our hearts are half broken, dear Jesus,
With joys of this wonderful night.

Thou wilt stay with us, Master and
Maker.
Thou wilt stay with us evermore;
We will play with Thee, beautiful
Brother,
On Eternity's jubilant shore.

As, in spirit, we approach, with the
shepherds, the manger where the In-

fant, Who came from the glory of
Heaven to the poverty and sufferings
of this earth to save us, lays shiver-
ing, the darkness and desolation which
so frequently find lodgement in human
hearts is dispelled. We realize that
the grief, the hardships and the suffer-
ings of which we have complained
so loud and so long are as nothing
compared to His. Is not the crib but
the forerunner of the cross? We do
not often think of it that way, but
Christ's birth was really the begin-
ning of His passion. As soon as the
Word was made flesh our redemption
began. How insignificant our cross
appears when we remember that the
Almighty and Eternal God was born
at Bethlehem and died on Calvary to
redeem us. A feeling of delight that
Christ's sacrifice and suffering has
saved us from certain doom over-
whelms us and we pray—stay with us
Maker and Master, stay with us ever-
more; stay with us throughout the
years to cheer and to strengthen us
in our trials and temptations until
finally Thou callest us home; until
Thou callest us to play with Thee on
Eternity's jubilant shore.

May God bless you this Christmas
and may the angel's song of peace
and glory be the harbinger of contin-
uous and unending peace and joy and
happiness and glory to each of you
in the prayer we breathe as we say:
A Merry Christmas to you and to
those near and dear to you.

A Little Boy's Thoughts Before the Crib

By E. D. Donovan

Little Babe, as sweet and holy
In Your straw-filled crib so lowly,
Did You gaze in glad surprise
At rich gifts from men so wise?

Did the dimples fill Your cheek,
As the gentle cow, so meek,
Kissed Your Hand with tongue soft
pink,
Ere upon her knees to sink?

Did You clasp Your arms so tight
Around the little lambkin white,
And shout aloud with baby joy,
Like a little earthly boy?

Oh, Mary Mother, meek and mild,
With Your little Holy Child,
Did Your gentle dark eyes glow,
Just to hear Him laughing so?

Did you for a time forget,
All the sorrow to be met,
And smile with sweet and tender joy
At that laughing Baby Boy?

GREETINGS TO CHILDREN

Blessings on thee, every one!
Christ, the Lord, at last has come.
May He in each heart remain,
Keeping you from every stain.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men,"
Daily sing your sweet "Amen."
Bethlehem's cold and dreary night,
Soon will beam with heavenly light.

Give your heart's best love to Him,
Adore Him with the Cherubim.
Sing His praises to the sky:
"Glory be to God on High!"

The Light Within The Cave

By C. A. B.

There were three lights within the
cave of the Nativity the night that
Christ was born. One was the flicker-
ing lantern which Joseph had hung
early in the evening against the damp
cave walls; another was from the
manger where the new-born Lord in
shining brilliance lay; and the third
was in the eyes of Mary. This last
had a beauty all its own. It was soft
and warm like the glow of stars of a
summer evening; full of worship like
the white play of a taper lit before a
shrine; something deeply human about
it like the throbbing red heart of a
smouldering sunset. It was the love-
light that shines only in the eyes of a
mother.

She was absorbed in wordless pray-
er. Her hands, white as only rain-
drenched lilies are, or chaste, un-
spotted virgin souls, were crossed
upon her breast, and as she bent above
her Babe's crib in speechless ecstasy,
her attitude was one of profoundest
awe and reverence. But it was the
eyes that told the full story. They
alone spoke of love that words could
not frame into speech, a love that
seared the heart like a living flame,
that would burst forth and set all
things aflame were it not held in closest
leash. The shining radiance of them
made words seem as puny things even
(is it fancy that makes us hear?)
when her lips burst into prayer.
Silently they said all the while, yet
withal eloquently: "Speech is far too

frail a vessel in which to carry the
pure great flame that burns in the
heart of God's own mother. This that
you hear is little more than a slight
spark caught from the full conflagra-
tion."

"O my Babe," said Mary, her warm
red lips a-tremble, "God and my Babe
in unbelievable one! How can this
poor human clay and the single
human soul that is I, combine to love
You as You should be loved? Babe of
my heart's desire, love is my offering
to You, love my welcome, this night,
of all nights sacred in the world's
long history.

"O that it might wrap You 'round
like the warm, soft fleece of sheep
and shelter Your infant body against
the sharpness of the bitter air; that
it might be as a friendly fire filling
the atmosphere with soothing warmth
and stilling the piteous flutter of Your
little limbs so new to the coldness of
a winter night!

"O Jesu mine, at once my own true
Babe and very God, my heart is full

to bursting with sweetness of love for
You! The world of men knows nought
of Thee tonight. Love has grown cold
and fled across the world's far margin.
Men's hearts like stone have slight
vestige of love for Thee left within
them. Baby mine, may not Mother's
love supply the lack—a little, say,
and for this blessed night? Let it
be so.

"Pardon the world of men. They are
forgetful mainly. Love will kindle
again anew with the passage of time.
Meanwhile take Mother's love. Dear
Babe, be comforted. Mother will love
Thee with a ceaseless love, a love
strong as bands of steel and mighty
as death. My Babe, my God, I love, I
love, my Dear, my Dear. . . ."

Her tears fell gently on His tiny
feet, and she bent with the ecstasy
that only a mother may know, and
kissed Him full upon His rose-red
lips, just as Joseph, who had gone to
the cave's entrance, returned to an-
nounce that there were shepherds
there who would fain to see the Child
—and adore.

Santa's Ride

By Delight Cronin

Wise old Santa chuckles,
Rubs his hands with glee,
Snaps the last two buckles,
Lifts a Christmas tree.
Restless reindeer darting
To and fro outside;
Santa Claus is starting
On his famous ride.

Paul Revere was thrilling,
Sheridan was more;
To include we're willing
Those great Horsemen Four.
Castle, cottage, shanty,
Round the world's great way,
Boast no one like Santa
And his flying sleigh.

Through the world he's speeding,
You can almost hear,
Nearer, then receding,
Prancing bell-draped deer.
Slyest of all "fellas,"
In the morning light,
Only stockings tell us
Santa passed last night.

Tops

By Anthony F. Klinkner

His toys are scattered on the floor,
And he's asleep in his little bed,
"Daddy, I just can't play any more,"
Oh, these were the words he said.
We, too, when life's long day is o'er,
Its playthings leave and fall asleep.
God wonders not that we play no more
Or tire of his trinkets cheap.
His Father-heart in pity beams,
On His children who from Him stray,
The shadow of His Cross in dreams
Oft shall fall athwart our play!
And as a child we look to Him,
And know that He shall lead us on the
way,
When death is near with its terror
grim,
And we are tired from life's play!

Our Hearts Will Be His Manger

The rabbit has its warren,
The mole its snug, warm hill,
But little Baby Jesus lies
In a stable chill.
Warm held in Mary's arms,
Laid in His Manger bed,
Our King Who'd one day have
No place to lay His head!
Our hearts will be His manger,
Snow-white in grace bedight,
To give Him royal welcome
On Holy Christmas bright!

—Anthony F. Klinkner.

THE TREE OF JOYS

I know
that I
shall never
see a sight as
fair as a Christ-
mas tree. A tree
surmounted by a star
to show God's angels
where we are. A tree where
gifts with love are hung;
beneath its boughs gay carols
sung. A tree that through Time
shall endure, to share its
Yule fruits with God's poor.
Upon its branches bless-
ings be—to atone for
the wood of Calvary.
One tree God's jus-
tice did appease,
But
His
love
needs
countless
Christmas trees.
By Troella V. Mills



While all things were in quiet
silence, and night in the midst
of its swift course: *Thine Almighty*
Word leaped down from heaven out of thy
eternal throne. Alleluia.

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